HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 368

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Nancy Flatt, on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Jere Whitson Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Flatt is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Flatt has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year at Jere
Whitson Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it
recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, having graduated with a degree in Plant and Soil Science, Nancy Flatt became a teacher after working for five years as a teacher assistant; and

WHEREAS, she has served with acumen and alacrity as a K-3 teacher at Jere Whitson Elementary School for six years; her classroom is a place of joy and excitement for Cookeville's five-year-olds; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, Nancy Flatt is also notable for her tireless commitment to community service; she has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity since 2004, when she participated in a Women Build project; and

WHEREAS, she also lends her time to the Habitat ReStore, serves on the Putnam

County Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity, and on that organization's family support

committee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Flatt has received many awards and recognitions throughout her tenure as a teacher, including a Bird Feeding grant and a landscaping project that has benefited the entire school; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and compassionate educator, Nancy Flatt works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Flatt serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Flatt truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Nancy Flatt on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Jere Whitson Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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